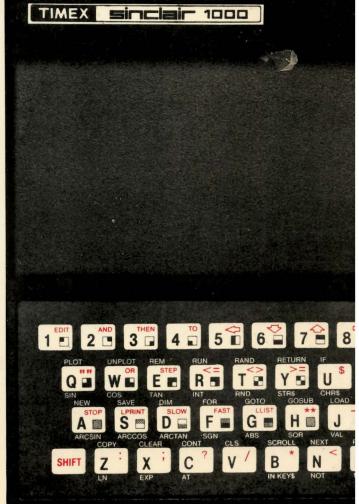
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INTRODUCING THE ZX81:1K

Note: All references to the Sinclair ZX81

are applicable to the Timex/Sinclair 1000.

RANDOM PATTERNS

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This program will generate thousands of interesting random patterns, stopping only when you type (BREAK).

Program Structure

The program works by randomly selecting graphics characters, and putting them in the array A\$. The codes for these characters are 128 to 138. This program, as well as being very pretty and quite relaxing to watch, is also a good demonstration of the possible uses of the RANDOM function.

There are more graphics characters with codes 1 to 10, so by changing line 120, you can vary the patterns formed.

120 LET
$$A$(X) = CHR$[INT(RND*9 + 1)]$$

The characters are printed repeatedly to form the patterns.

To give you time to see the pattern a PAUSE statement has been included after printing the pattern. The effect of this is to stop any computations and hold the display for the number of frames specified. Line 190 is needed only if you are running the programs in fast mode.

Random Patterns

- 100 DIM A\$(7)
- 110 FOR X = 1 TO 7
- 120 LET A\$(X) = CHR\$[INT(RND*10 + 128)]
- 130 NEXT X
- 140 FOR X = 1 TO 77
- 150 PRINT A\$;
- 160 NEXT X
- 170 PRINT A\$(TO 5)
- 180 PAUSE 260
- 190 POKE 16437,255
- 200 CLS
- 210 GOTO 100

LEAPFROGS

The game of Leapfrogs is a simple one:

You start off with two opposing sets of frogs, and each frog can only move to an adjacent space or leap over one frog.

X X X X - 0000 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

So, as a first move, for example, the frog at position 4 can move to 5, or the frog at 6 can move to 5, or the frog at 3 can leap over frog 4 to land at 5, or the frog at 7 can leap over the frog at 6 to land at 5.

The object of the game is to try to get all the frogs on the left to the right, and vice versa, in the least possible amount of moves. It's great fun!

Structure of the Program

The first part of any program is to initialize whatever variables may be needed. In this case, we want to define the initial position of the frogs and set the number of moves taken so far to zero.

An overview of the program reveals the following structure:

PRINT INITIALIZE VARIABLES
PRINT POSITION OF FROGS

CHECK IF FINISHED

IF YES, THEN GOTO FINISH

INPUT ENTER PLAYER'S MOVE
CHECK IF MOVE IS ALLOW

CHECK IF MOVE IS ALLOWED IF NOT, GOTO INPUT AGAIN

ADD ONE TO NUMBER OF MOVES

MAKE THE MOVE AND GOTO PRINT FINISH CONGRATULATE PLAYER ASK IF PLAYER WANTS TO PLAY AGAIN IF YES, THEN RUN AGAIN

This simple "top-down" approach gives us an overview of the program and lets us understand the program should we wish to make any changes at a later stage.

Structure of the Variables

For this program we shall be using "string variables" to define the position of the frogs. A string variable is easy to manipulate in this context and makes printing very fast.

We define "O\$" as the original position of the frogs, and "P\$" as the present position of the frogs. We can use the same variables to check if we are finished, and this is done in line 150.

We use the variables "T" and "F" to represent the position "to" and "from" which the frog is moving. Because a frog can only move into an empty position we can check this easily, as in line 200.

The rest of the program is very straightforward with "C" the count of moves taken.

Leapfrogs Program

- 100 LET O\$ = " \[\lambda \lam
- 110 LET P\$ = O\$
- 120 LET C = O
- 130 CLS
- 140 PRINT P\$,,,"1Δ2Δ3Δ4Δ5Δ6Δ7Δ8Δ9",,,"ENTER MOVE"

Note: The symbol "\(\triangle \)" is used to indicate the need for a space at that position. This symbol is not used everywhere a space is required, but only in those positions where the number of spaces is critical to the running of the program or to legibility of the display, as in lines 100 and 250 in the above program.

Running the Program

The program expects a 2-digit input to define to move "from" and move "to."

It will therefore only accept as a valid first entry one of the following moves:

35 45 65 75

Happy Leapfrogging!

TIC-TAC-TOE

We have all played Tic-Tac-Toe in our time, and this time the challenge is to beat the computer.

The computer in this program is a little greedy in that it refuses to let you start, but then again, it's not like your next-door neighbor. It is always available for a game!

The screen display is as follows:

1	2	3
8	Х	4
7	6	5

You enter your move by choosing the number where you wish to move to.

The programmer is so confident of his program that you will notice there is only provision for the computer to win or to concede a draw!

Tic-Tac-Toe

- 50 PAUSES * Z
- 60 CLS
- 70 LET A\$ = "1 \triangle 2 \triangle 38 \triangle X \triangle 47 \triangle 6 \triangle 5" (graphics 8 followed by space)
- 80 FOR I = X TO X + Y
- 90 PRINT A\$ (TO B X)
- 100 IF I = (Y THEN PRINT" (graphics 6,Q,6,6,Q,66)
- 110 LET A\$ = A\$ (B TO)
- 120 NEXTI
- 130 FOR T = X TO Z
- 140 PRINT AT B,X; "YOUR TURN"
- 150 LET V = 52
- 160 INPUT R
- 170 GOSUB 420

```
180 PRINT AT B,X; "MY TURN ∧ ∧"
190 IF T > X THEN GOTO 230
200 LET E = R = Y * INT(R/Y)
210 LET P = R
220 LET A = P - P
230 LET V = 61
240 LET A = A + X
250 IF T = X OR P = R + Z OR P = R - Z THEN GOTO 300
260 LET P = P + Z
270 GOSUB S * Z
280 PRINT "I WON"
290 GOTO X
300 IF A = X + Y AND E THEN LET A = B - X
310 IF A = Z THEN LET A = Z + Y
320 LETP = P + A
330 GOSUBS*Z
340 IF A = B - X THEN GOTO 280
350 NEXTT
360 PRINT "DRAW"
370 GOTO X
400 IF P \rangle B THEN LET P = P - B
410 LET R = P
420 LET D = PEEK 16396 + 256 * PEEK 16397
430 FOR I = X TO Z * B + B
440 IF PEEK (D + I) = R + 28 THEN POKE D + I, V
450
    NEXTI
460 RETURN
```

It should be obvious to you looking at line 50 that the program would crash if you were to press (RUN) (NEW LINE). This is because we have some undefined variables, such as S and Z.

The reason these variables are used in the program is to save space, and the variables need to be defined before we can play Tic-Tac-Toe. One way to do this is used in many other programs in this book—use 2 programs, the first program to define the variables; (RUN) it; and then enter the second program with the variables stored in memory.

We could use this same method in this program, but instead we will use the second method of defining the variables after the main program has been entered.

We can do this by entering BASIC lines without line numbers, and pressing (NEW LINE). This tells the operating system we wish to execute that instruction immediately.

In this program, after you have entered the listing above, enter the following lines without line numbers, and press (NEW LINE) after each line has been entered:

LET X = 1 LET Y = 2 LET Z = 4 LET B = 8 LET S = 100

All the variables have been defined. We still cannot press (RUN) as this will clear the variables from memory. Enter (GOTO 1) (NEW LINE).

Structure of the Program

You may find it difficult to follow the structure of this program because its logic is fairly well hidden and the use of variables in the listing makes it difficult to know what is happening.

Lines 70 to 120 draw the Tic-Tac-Toe board. Note that this is the only time in the program that the board is drawn up. All changes to the board that occur later involve changing only the piece that is to be moved.

The variable T in line 130 indicates TURN and after each player has had 4 turns, the game must be a draw (see line 360). This is obvious, as after 4 turns, 8 spaces will be filled up and the computer's first turn has already been made—all 9 possible positions have been filled.

When it is the player's turn, we obtain R (REPLY) and go to subroutine 420. This subroutine looks at the first 40 squares of the screen display and replaces the number entered by the letter 'O'. This effectively finishes the player's turn.

If it is the computer's first turn (T=1) there are some preliminaries we have to do: remember the PREVIOUS move (variable P), set the ADD factor (variable A) to zero, and determine if the player started on an EVEN (variable E) number or odd.

Note that the board is defined in such a way that all corner moves are represented by an odd number and all side moves are even numbers! The other feature of interest is that a blocking move is either +4 or -4 the original move. In other words if the computer moves to square 1, you will need to move to square 5 to stop it from making 3 in a row.

If it is the computer's first move or if the player has blocked successfully (line 250) then the computer cannot yet claim victory (GOTO 300). On the other hand, if it is a win the computer fills in the appropriate square, claims victory and jumps back to the beginning.

The computer's sequence of moves is determined by PREVIOUS and ADD. The computer's first move will always be to the right clockwise of the player's first move (PREVIOUS + 1). Its next move will be 2 to the right clockwise from that (PREVIOUS + 2), and so on. Lines 300 and 310 take care of the exception where ADD is not automatically incremented by 1.

That's it. Good luck!

PINCH

This is a two-dimensional version of the Japanese game "Go." This is one of the few games in this book where it is not possible for a player to play alone or against the computer.

Nonetheless we have included it in this book because it is such an interesting and challenging game. At the end of this listing we also make suggestions on how to teach the computer to play PINCH, but you will need additional memory for that.

The rules of the game of Pinch first appeared in Scientific American in 1980. (As mentioned above it is a two-dimensional version of GO, and was included in a discussion of possible two-dimensional games, including two-dimensional chess!)

Two players take turns to place stones on a nineposition board. You can capture a connected group of your opponent's stones by surrounding them on both sides. The board appears like this:

If it is X to move, placing a stone at 5 would capture the stone at 4. Placing a stone at 8 would capture the stone at 9. On the other hand placing a stone at 6 would have no effect.

It is illegal to make a suicidal move, but you can go into what would normally be a suicidal position if that results in the capture of opposing stones.

There is only one other rule, that it is illegal to make a move that would make the positions exactly the same as they were after your last turn. This is a rule for which this program does not check.

Program Structure

The structure of the main program is:

MOVE Initialize variables

Print the board

Print the player's move

If possible, kill opponent's groups
If possible, kill player's groups

If the move was legal, GOTO MOVE

Give the player another turn

B is the current player. The subroutine at 500 checks which groups not belonging to B are dead and removes them. The ends are regarded as belonging to B.

After the subroutine has been run once, B is changed, and the subroutine checks for a suicidal move.

Initialize variables

Go to NEXT B

FIND Find a stone of B's

Set equal to S

NEXT B Increment P until a blank or another of B's stones is

found

If a blank go to FIND

Kill stones between S and P

Pinch

100 LET A\$ = "
$$-\Delta - \Delta - \Delta - \Delta - \Delta - \Delta - \Delta - \Delta$$
" (10 -'s)

180 LET A\$
$$(2 * S - B/B) = B$(B)$$

```
190
      PRINT AT B - B, B - B; A$(TO 17)
200
      LETD = B - B
210
      GOSUB 500
220
      LET B = INT((B + 1)/B)
230
      LETD = -D
240
      GOSUB 500
250
      IF D \langle = B - B THEN GOTO 130
260
      GOTO 220
500
      LET A$(19) = B$(B)
510
      LETP = -1
520
      GOTO 560
      LETP = P + 2
530
540
      IF P >= 19 THEN RETURN
550
      IF A$(P) \langle \rangle B$(B) OR A$(P + 2) = B$(B) THEN GOTO
      530
560
      LETS = P
570
      LETP = P + 2
580
      IF A$(P) = "-" THEN GOTO 530
590
      IF A$(P) ( ) B$(B) AND P ( 19 THEN GOTO 570
600
      IF P \rangle B/B THEN LET D = D + B/B
610
      FOR K = S + 2 TO P - 2 STEP 2
      LET A$(K) = "-"
620
630
      NEXTK
640
      GOTO 540
```

Notes: You may realize from looking at this program that it just fits into the 1K machine. Therefore, there are attempts to minimize any waste of memory.

One simple way to do this is to eliminate all references to the number 1 or 0 in the listing because both take up 6 bytes. Instead we use B/B for 1, and B—B for 0—both of these require only 3 bytes.

Line 220 gives a simple way of switching between 1 and 2. If B is 1, the result will be B=2, while if B is 2 the result will be B=1!

Running the Program

It is illegal to move to a position where you will immediately be captured unless you can capture some of your opponent's stones by the move. If you do make an illegal move, the group of stones will be removed, and it will still be your move.

The computer does not play this game, but provides for two players to compete, removing dead stones for them. This is an interesting and constantly changing game. The strategies involved should keep you thinking for a while.

Improving the Program

The basic strategy of the game is to ensure that you can capture whenever possible and not walk into a trap!

The subroutine at line 500 at present kills any group located between enemies.

It is quite easy to adapt this subroutine merely to check whether a group would be killed and, if so, how many men would be removed. The strategy for a computer to play would therefore be something along these lines:

For all possible squares:

Check how many enemies would be killed by this move Check how many of one's own men would be killed by this move

Next move.

Because there are only 9 possible squares to go to, this should not take too long to compute. Then choose the move which would kill most enemies. If no such move exists, choose a move that would not result in suicide.

Once this is working, an improvement would be to check whether the move just made would make it easy for the enemy to capture on the next move (a simple version of "look ahead").

You are going to need all your computer concentration for this one!

BATTLESHIP

World War II has been declared. As you sit at the console of your submarine, the captain alerts you that Intelligence reports four battleships in the general area.

Radar is out. You must bomb the seas and hope to find the battleships before they find you!

Each ship occupies two adjacent spaces on your 9×9 grid: Enter the coordinates, and the missile room commander will send a torpedo hurtling to that point.

If you've hit a ship, an 'X' will appear on the console—otherwise, only a 'O'. When you've hit all ships in the area, the captain orders a move to a new part of the Atlantic.

Program Structure

Randomly choose the positions of the 4 battleships. Print the grid.

BOMB Get the position to be bombed.

If a ship is there, then print an 'X' there and if there have been 8 hits, run the program again.

Otherwise, print a 'O'. Go to BOMB again.

The array 'X' contains the position of the four battleships (two positions on the grid for each ship). The player's input is checked against each of these. Grid position 4,1 is stored as 41 and printed at 8,2 on the screen (the extra spaces between lines aid readability).

The number of hits is stored in H, and when eight hits have been recorded the game is started afresh.

Battleships

```
100
       LET H = 0
110
       DIM X (8)
       FOR R = 1 TO 8 STEP 2
120
       LET X(R) = INT(RND * 8 + 1) * 10 + INT(RND * 9 + 1)
130
140
       LET X(R + 1) = X(R) + 10
150
       NEXT R
160
       CLS
170
       PRINT "\triangle \triangle 1 \triangle 2 \triangle 3 \triangle 4 \triangle 5 \triangle 6 \triangle 7 \triangle 8 \triangle 9" (2 spaces
       at the beginning, then a single space between each number)
180
       FOR R = 1 TO 9
190
       PRINT AT 2 * R, R - R; R
200
       NEXT R
210 INPUT M
220
       FOR R = 1 TO 8
230
       IF M = X(R) THEN GOTO 300
240
       NEXT R
       PRINT AT INT (M/10) * 2, (M - INT(M/10) * 10) * 2; "0"
250
260
       GOTO 210
300
       PRINT AT INT (M/10) * 2.(M-INT(M/10) * 10) * 2:
       "X"
       LETH = H+1
310
320
       IF H = 8 THEN RUN
330
       GOTO 210
```

Running the Program

When you press (RUN) (NEW LINE), the screen will be blank and two axes will show the numbers 1 to 9. This is your bombing grid.

The ZX81 will be waiting for a number input from you to bomb. A 2-digit number is required, with the vertical axis the first number—e.g., enter 52 if you want to bomb the position 5 rows down and 2 columns across.

You should be able to locate all the ships in about 40 turns. When all have been bombed, a new set of axes will be drawn, with the ships now hidden at different locations.

|| GAMBLING GAMES

CRAPS

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This program simulates the dice game "craps."

If you throw a 7 or 11 on your first throw, you win immediately. A score of 2, 3 or 12 on your first throw means you lose. If you throw anything else you get another throw.

On subsequent throws, you win by matching your first throw, or lose by throwing a 7.

This is an easy and fun game to play: just type 'Y' to continue playing and the computer does the rest. It even throws the dice for you!

Program Structure

The throwing of the dice is simulated by using the RND function. Throwing a single die can be simulated by

LET
$$C = INT(RND * 6)+1$$

and throwing two dice by

Note that this is not the same as

LET
$$C = INT(RND * 11) + 2$$

although both give a random number between 2 and 12.

Craps

- 100 CLS
- 110 PRINT "CRAPS"
- 130 LET J = 0
- 140 LET C = INT(RND * 6) + INT(RND*6) +2
- 150 LET J = J + 1
- 160 IF J = 1 THEN GOTO 210

```
IF C = D THEN GOTO 340
170
     IF C = 7 THEN GOTO 360
180
190
     PRINT "YOU SCORE ∆";C
200
     GOTO 140
210
     IF C = 7 OR C = 11 THEN GOTO 250
    IF C = 2 OR C = 3 OR C = 12 THEN GOTO 270
220
230
     LETD = C
240
     GOTO 190
     PRINT "SCORE ∧";C;"∧ AND WIN"
250
260
     GOTO 280
     PRINT "SCORE A";C;" AND LOSE"
270
280
     PRINT
     PRINT "TYPE ""Y"" TO CONTINUE"
290
300
     INPUT L$
310
     IF L$ \(\rangle\) "Y" THEN STOP
320
     PRINT
330
     GOTO 100
     PRINT "SCORE ∆";C;"∆ AND WIN BY MATCHING"
340
350
     GOTO 280
     PRINT "SCORE A"; C; "A AND LOSE"
360
```

Happy gambling!

GOTO 280

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SLOT MACHINE

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This program simulates a slot machine just like those in Las Vegas.

You start with \$10, and it costs 50¢ to play a game. The names of three objects will appear on the screen. If they are all the same, you win, and the computer will credit you with your winnings. Otherwise it will subtract the cost of the game. You can play again by entering (NEW LINE), until you run out of money—unlike your favorite casino, the computer does not give credit.

Structure of the Program

The randomizing function (RND) is used to generate either a bar, an orange or a cherry. Line 20 generates a number 1 $\langle = N \langle 10.$

If $N \le 2$, a bar is generated; if $2 \le N \le 5$, an orange; otherwise, a cherry. This gives a weighting heavily favoring the cherries. If you don't like the odds, that's the line to change.

INITIALIZE VARIABLES
GENERATE OBJECTS RANDOMLY
CHECK WHETHER PLAYER HAS WON
IF HE HASN'T, CHECK WHETHER HE HAS ANY MONEY
LEFT
OTHERWISE, CREDIT WINNINGS

Variables

The money you have is stored in M. B, A, and C contain the number of bars, oranges and cherries in the current game.

Slot Machine

30 LET M = 10 40 LET B = 0

- 50 LET A = 0
- 60 LET C = 0
- 70 FOR I = 1 TO 3
- 80 LET N = (RND * 9 + 1)
- 90 IF N > 2 THEN GOTO 130
- 100 PRINT "BAR △"
- 110 LET A = A + 1
- 120 GOTO 190
- 130 IF N > 5 THEN GOTO 170
- 140 PRINT "ORANGE ∆"
- 150 LET B = B + 1
- 160 GOTO 190
- 170 PRINT "CHERRY ∆"
 - 180 LET C = C + 1
 - 190 NEXTI
 - 200 IF A = 3 OR B = 3 OR C = 3 THEN GOTO 250
 - 210 PRINT AT 4,4;"TOO BAD . . . YOU LOSE"
 - 220 LET M = M-.5
 - 240 GOTO 280
 - 250 PRINT AT 4,10;"YOU WIN"
 - 260 LET M = M + A * 2/3 + B/2 + C/3
 - 280 PRINT
 - 290 PRINT "YOU NOW HAVE \$";M
 - 310 PRINT "TO PLAY AGAIN PRESS NEWLINE"
 - 315 INPUT A\$
 - 320 CLS
 - 330 GOTO 40
 - 340 PRINT "YOU HAVE LOST ALL YOUR MONEY"

ROULETTE

© by Alistair Ogilvy

A gambler's delight: You start with \$100 to bet on the roulette wheel. You can place your money on a range of values (between 1 and 36), or odds or evens.

Then the wheel begins to spin. The numbers flash onto the screen until the wheel stops. The computer then calculates how much you have won or lost, and adjusts the total of your money.

You'd better be careful with this one—you could lose everything!

Program Structure

The numbers are generated by RND. To simulate the spinning of the wheel, 15 numbers are generated and successively printed at the same position.

In line 370, the expression

IF(K AND C)

is used. This is true if K and C are both non-zero.

Roulette

100 LET M = 100

105 PAUSE 100

108 CLS

110 LET C = 2

115 PRINT "HIGH?"

120 INPUT H

130 PRINT H,,"LOW?";

140 INPUT L

150 PRINT L

160 IF H \langle = L OR L \langle 1 THEN GOTO 105

```
170
     IF H (= 36 THEN GOTO 206
190
     PRINT "0 = ODDS OR 1 = EVENS"
200
     INPUT C
205
     LET H = 17 + L
     LET 0 = INT [36/(H-L)]
206
208 PRINT "ODDS = 1 \text{ IN } \wedge";0
210
     PRINT "$";M,"∧BET$"
220 INPUT B
230
     PRINTB
250
     FOR I = 1 TO 15
     LET A = INT(37 * RND)
260
265
     PRINT AT 9,0;A;"∧"
267
     NEXTI
270
     IF C() 2 THEN GOTO 360
280
     IF A <= H AND A >= L THEN GOTO 330
290
     PRINT "LOST"
300
     LET M = M - B
310 IF M < = 0 THEN GOTO 500
320 GOTO 105
330
     LETP = 0 * B - B
340
     PRINT "WON $";P
345
    LETM = M + P
350
     GOTO 105
360
     LET K = INT [A/2 = INT(A/2)]
370
     IF (K AND C) OR (K = C AND C = 0) THEN GOTO
     330
390
     GOTO 290
     PRINT "LOST ALL"
500
```

Running the Program

When the program commences, you are going to be asked for the number range you wish to bet on: Choose any high limit and any low limit.

For example, you could bet on all numbers from 1 to 12 or only from 30 to 34.

If you wish instead to bet on odds or evens, simply enter a number greater than 36 in answer to the query for the high number, and any number smaller than that for the low. The computer will then ask whether you want odds or evens.

The odds will be calculated (to a round number) and displayed so that you can place your bet.

The croupier will obligingly wait until you have placed your bet before spinning the wheel.

HORSE RACES

© by Neil Streeter

This program simulates a three-horse race. You have \$500 to begin with and you can bet on any horse. All horses have an equal chance of winning. The game ends when you have lost all your money.

Program Structure

The path of each horse is shown by a black bar. The horse with the longest bar is winning. This is done by using the PLOT function to fill in his present position. The race ends as soon as one horse reaches position 31.

The RND function generates a number between 0 and 1. This is multiplied by 3 and added to 1. The integer part of this is then 1, 2 or 3. The horse thus chosen is allowed to advance one space.

Note the use of RAND. The function RND always uses the same sequence of numbers, that is, it doesn't really generate random numbers, but returns a pseudo-random number, which appears to be random. For many purposes this is sufficient, but in this program, that would make predictable which horse would win.

RAND causes RND to start at different places in its sequence of numbers of each time. This is closer to a RANDOM random number generator.

Horse Races

- 105 LET E = 500
- 110 PRINT "BET?"
- 115 INPUT B
- 120 PRINT B
- 122 PRINT "HORSE (1 3)?"

- 125 INPUT H
- 130 CLS
- 135 PRINT "1", "△ △"
- 136 PRINT "2", "△ △FINISH"
- 138 PRINT "3", "△△"
- 140 LET W = 2
- 145 LET X = 2
- 150 LET Y = 2
- 160 RAND
- 200 LET R = INT(RND * 3 + 1)
- 210 IF R = 1 THEN LET W = W + 1
- 220 IF R = 2 THEN LET X = X + 1
- 230 IF R = 3 THEN LET Y = Y + 1
- 250 PLOT W.43
- 260 PLOT X.41
- 270 PLOT Y,39
- 290 IF X = 31 OR Y = 31 OR W = 31 THEN GOTO 350
- 300 GOTO 200
- 350 IF W = 31 AND H = 1 THEN GOTO 450
- 360 IF X = 31 AND H = 2 THEN GOTO 450
- 370 IF Y = 31 AND H = 3 THEN GOTO 450
- 390 LET E = E B
- 400 PRINT AT 5,0;"MONEY = ";E
- 410 IF E (= 0 THEN STOP
- 420 GOTO 110
- 450 LET E = E + B * 2
- 460 GOTO 400

BLACKJACK

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This is the traditional card game, and it all fits into the unexpanded ZX81:1K. Blackjack even keeps track of the card totals, how much money you have bet and how much you have left. And, naturally, it won't let you bet more than you have.

The ZX81 dealer ask you how much you want to bet, deals himself a card, and then deals you a card. You are then asked if you want a HIT (i.e., do you want another card?). Any answer such as Y or YES or even pressing NEWLINE will be "yes," while N or NO or NEVER! will be taken to mean you don't want another card.

If your card total is over 21, you've lost. If you stop before you BUST, then the dealer will deal himself more cards. The dealer always draws below 16 and sits on 17 and above.

The amount of money you have left will be shown and you will be invited to bet again.

Step right up, ladies and gentlemen!

Structure of the Program

As you can imagine, it's not easy to fit such a complex program into the unexpanded ZX81. We have to resort to two space saving techniques:

- 1. Defining variables in another program first.
- 2. Replacing by variables as many numbers as possible in the program listing.

The second method can chop as much as 100 bytes off a program such as this because each number in a program line

takes up 6 bytes, as opposed to 1 byte for a variable. Admittedly the variable takes 7 bytes in memory in the first place, but if you use the same numbers a lot, a considerable savings is possible.

Program 1

This program defines the variables we need—mainly predefining 'A' as a variable and the string variable B\$, which defines the cards in the pack.

The other variables are the numbers most commonly used in Program 2: X=1, Y=2, Z=10, and T=21.

```
100 LET X = 1

110 LET Y = 2

120 LET Z = 10

130 LET T = 21

140 LET B$ = "N23456789TAJQK"

150 LET A = 0
```

Note that in the definition of cards we use the letter 'T' to denote the '10'—this enables us to display all cards as a single letter.

Once this program is entered, press (RUN) and (NEW LINE). This will save the variables in memory and the listing of this program is therefore no longer required.

Program 2

This is the program that does all the work—indeed if you had additional memory you would not need Program 1. (All you would need to do is replace all references to X by 1, etc., and include the lines defining A and B\$ in the main program.)

The structure of this program is as follows:

NEW BET INPUT PLAYER'S BET

IF NO MONEY LEFT, STOP

DEAL FIRST CARD TO DEALER AND PLAYER FOR PLAYER AND DEALER:

IF PLAYER ASKS WHETHER CARD WANTED
IF SWITCH TO DEALER
DEAL CARD AND PRINT IT
CALCULATE VALUE OF HAND AND PRINT

IT

IF OVER 21, GO TO PAYOUT
IF DEALER AND OVER 16, GO TO PAYOUT

PAYOUT IF PLAYER BUST, MONEY WON = 0
IF DEALER < 21 AND DEALER TOTAL < =
PLAYER TOTAL, THEN MONEY WON = 0
MONEY = MONEY + MONEY WON
GO TO NEW BET AGAIN

As you can see from the above structure there is insufficient room in the 1K version to allow for greater payout if the player makes Blackjack, or to allow the player to win if he gets "5 and under." If you have additional memory you can easily write in those provisions.

The numbering in this program is slightly non-standard: this has been done deliberately to allow the use of variables in GOTO and GOSUB statements. We therefore start at line 90 and have the unusual line 125.

- 90 LET M = Z * Z
- 100 DIM P (Y + Y)
- 110 PRINT AT Z,X;"\$";M;"∆ BET?"
- 120 INPUT B
- 125 CLS
- 130 IF B > M THEN STOP
- 140 LET M = M B
- 150 PRINT "△ △ YOU"; TAB Z;"ZX81"
- 160 FOR I = Y TO X STEP X
- 170 GOSUB T *T

```
180
       NEXTI
190
       FOR I = X TO Y
200
       LET A = P(I) = X + Z
210
       IF I = X THEN PRINT AT Z,X; "HIT?"
220
       IF I = X THEN INPUT A$
       PRINT AT Z,X;"\\ \ \ \ \ \ \"
230
240
       IF I = X AND CODE A$ = CODE B$ THEN GOTO
       280
       GOSUB T * T
250
       IF P(I) > T OR [I=Y AND P(I) > 16] THEN GOTO
260
       290
270
       GOTO T * Z
280
       NEXTI
290
       IF [P(Y) \langle = T \text{ AND } P(Y) \rangle = P(X)] \text{ OR } P(X) \rangle T
       THEN LET B = B - B
       LET M = M + B + B
300
310
      GOTO Z * Z
500
       LET P(I + Y) = P(I + Y) + X
510
       LET C = INT(13 * RND) + Y
520
      IF C = Z + X THEN LET A = A + X
       LET P(I) = P(I) + C * [C \langle Z + Y] + Z * (C \langle Z + X)]
530
540
      IF P(I) \langle T + X \text{ OR } A = X - X \text{ THEN GOTO 570} \rangle
550
      LETA = A - X
560
      LET P(I) = P(I) - Z
      PRINT AT X + Y, Y * P(I + Y) + Z * (I = Y); B$(C)
570
      PRINT AT Y + Y, Z * I - Z + Y; P(I)
580
590
      RETURN
```

Special Notes: You will notice a strange notation in line 200, where A = P(I) = 11. The variable 'A' is being used in this program to keep track of the number of aces in the player's hand, and what the line says is: Let A = 1 if the value in the hand is 11.

The long way to write this is

But we know that the value of an expression such as P(I) = 11 will be 1 if true and 0 if false.

We can therefore write

LET
$$A = [P(I) = 11]$$

As you can see from the program listing, the brackets are not necessary.

The other line you may find odd is line 530, where the value of the player's hand is being calculated. The card just drawn (variable C) can be anywhere from 2 to 14.

If the value is 2 - 10, we want to add that value.

If the value is 11 (ace) we also want to add that value, as long as we are not BUST. (That possibility is taken care of in lines 540-560.)

If the value is 12-14 (i.e., we have drawn J, Q or K), then we want to add 10.

The one line 530 does all this for us: it says to add the value of the card if the value is less than 12 and add 10 if the value is over 11. Simple, isn't it!

You may also have noticed that we use GOSUB T * T (which means 21 * 21 = 441) and yet no line 441 exists. This is fine because the program will go to whichever is the first allowed line after the number specified (in this case, 500).

Running the Program

Because we need to remember the variables we saved in the first program, we cannot use (RUN) or (CLEAR) at any stage because that would destroy our carefully saved variables.

It is therefore necessary to use (GOTO 1) (NEW LINE).

The program works exceptionally well in SLOW mode, so if you are loading the program from tape (which will automatically set the mode to FAST) you will first have to enter the SLOW instruction.

Because of space limitations, the program is a little terse. \$100 BET?

This means you have \$100 to bet with and how much would you like to wager?

The screen will then show something like:

YOU	ZX8
T	8
10	8
HIT?	

This means that you have drawn a '10' (value of your hand is underneath your cards = 10) and the dealer has drawn an '8' (value of hand = 8). Do you want another card?

Of course the answer is yes, and there goes another evening spent in mad, compulsive gambling!



DAY OF THE WEEK

Enter your birth date, and the ZX81 will tell you on which day of the week you were born.

Program Structure

The character strings corresponding to each day of the week are stored one after the other in D\$. The day of the week is calculated as a number between 0 and 6. This is multiplied by 3, and 1 is added. This gives the position of the first letter in the name of the day. The day is printed by PRINT D\$(Z TO Z+2)

Day of the Week

- 110 LET D\$ = "SUNMONTUEWEDTHUFRISAT"
- 120 PRINT "PLEASE ENTER YOUR NAME"
- 130 INPUT A\$
- 140 PRINT "HELLO";A\$
- 150 PRINT "ENTER DATE OF BIRTH", "DAY",
- 160 INPUT D
- 170 IF D (1 OR D) 31 THEN GOTO 160
- 180 PRINT D, "MONTH",
- 190 INPUT M
- 200 PRINT M, "YEAR"
- 210 INPUT Y
- 220 IF Y (1700 THEN GOTO 450
- 230 CLS
- 300 LET K = 0
- 310 IF M \langle 3 THEN LET K = 1
- 320 LET L = Y K
- 330 LET O = M + 12 * K
- 340 LET P = INT (L/100)
- 350 LET Z = INT [13 * (0+1)/5] + INT [(5 * L)/4] P + INT(P/4) + D 1
- 360 LET Z = [Z 7 * INT(Z/7)] * 3 + 1
- 400 PRINT A\$; " \triangle WAS BORN ON \triangle "; D\$(Z TO Z + 2)
- 410 STOP
- 450 PRINT A\$;"∆ IS TOO OLD"

SIMON

"Simon" is the computer successor to the age-old game of "Simon Says." In the computer version, a letter or number is displayed one at a time on the screen and the player has to type in correctly the sequence of letters and numbers as they appeared.

As the number of letters that has appeared on the screen increases, the letters (or numbers) flash onto the screen more and more quickly.

This program will also make use of the fact that in the Sinclair ZX81 the character generator is located in software, and will use this information to display each letter in large (8 lines deep) size.

On many other computers the character generator (i.e., whatever it is in the computer that defines how each letter of the alphabet will look on the screen) is handled by a special chip. In the Sinclair ZX81 all that information is stored in the ROM (Read Only Memory), which also contains the operating system.

If you look at your screen closely, you will see that each letter on the screen (even the graphics characters) are made up of little dots closely joined. In fact each character space on the screen has room for 64 dots (an array of 8 lines of 8 dots each), and the information about which dots are to be on and which are to be off is stored at memory location 7680 onward.

The information about each letter of the alphabet (and each graphic character and number) can be stored in 8 bytes of memory. This is because each byte of memory has 8 bits and the ZX81 uses each bit to indicate a different position on the screen.

We will first of all display this ability to have largerthan-life characters in the following short program.

Displaying Large Characters

```
LET A$ = " (graphics space)
100
110
      LET B$ = "\triangle" (space)
120
      FOR X = 28 TO 63
130
      FOR L = 1 TO 8
      LET V = PEEK(7679 + L + 8 * X)
140
150
      LET P$ = "" (empty string)
160
      LET D = 256
170
      FOR K = 8 TO 1 STEP -1
180
      LET D = D/2
190
      LET C$ = B$
      IF V ( D THEN GOTO 230
200
210
      LET C$ = A$
      LET V = V - D
220
230
      LET P$ = P$ + C$
240
      NEXT K
250
      PRINT P$
260
      NEXT L
270
      PAUSE 60
280
      CLS
      NEXT X
290
```

Quite obviously the meat of this program is in lines 130-260:

The variable 'L' is used to indicate which line of the character we are to print next, and K is the appropriate dot. It is in line 140 that we obtain the information about the line to be printed—we PEEK into memory to see which dots should be "on." If the dot is to be "on," then we will print a black square (as defined by A\$).

This program demonstrates the method used in the large printing and will allow you to see how the eye can often be fooled if the print is small enough.

In the program above, the display of the large-print character was done while you were watching it. This had two effects: 1. The display was quite slow to come up and 2. there was no chance of missing what the character was. In the

program Simon we will switch to FAST mode so that you won't see the character being built up on the screen, and then switch to SLOW for your input.

Simon

```
LET A$ = " (graphics space)
100
110
      LET B$ "△" (space)
      LET Y$ = "" (empty string)
120
130
      FOR G = 1 TO 20
140
      LET X = 28 + INT(36 * RND)
150
      LET Y$ = Y$ + CHR$X
160
      FAST
170
      FOR L = 1 TO 8
180
      LET V = PEEK(7679 + L + 8 * X)
190
      LET P$ = "" (empty string)
200
      LETD = 256
      FOR K = 8 TO 1 STEP -1
210
220
      LET D = D/2
230
      LET C$ = B$
      IF V ( D THEN GOTO 270
240
250
      LET C$ = A$
      LET V = V - D
260
270
      LET P$ = P$ + C$
280
      NEXT K
290
      PRINT P$
300
      NEXT L
310
      SLOW
320
      PAUSE 70 - 3 * G
330
      CLS
      INPUT Z$
340
350
      IF Y$ \(\rangle\) Z$ THEN GOTO 370
360
      NEXT G
      PRINT "YOU SAID ∆"; Z$
370
      PRINT Y$; "A IS RIGHT"
380
```

The structure of this program is very simple to follow, once you have seen the Large-Print Program. Note that the amount of time the character is displayed is reduced as you go along. Remember the sequence of 20 letters and numbers correctly, and you've won!

HANGMAN

This is a game for two players. One types in a secret word while the other is not watching. Then the other player tries to guess the word. After guessing 10 wrong letters, the game is over and the man is hanged.

Program Structure

Get the secret word

GUESS Print the number of letters in the word

Get the letter guessed

If the letter is in the word; put every occurrence into the right place in A\$

Otherwise, G = G + 1

Print G parts of the man being hanged

Print A\$

If the man is hanged, or the word guessed:

Start a new game

Otherwise, GOTO GUESS

The variable 'G' contains the number of wrong guesses so far. To begin with, only subroutine 500, which does nothing, is executed. After that, for every wrong guess, one more of the subroutines is executed. Each prints another part of the man being hanged.

A\$ contains the word guessed so far. G\$ is the letter guessed this time.

Hangman

100 PRINT "NEW SECRET WORD?"

110 INPUT X\$

120 LET W = LEN X\$

130 DIM A\$(W)

140 LET G = 0

```
150
        PRINT W;" LETTERS"
   160
         PRINT "GUESS?"
   170
         INPUT G$
        CLS
180
   190
        LET C = 0
         FOR L = 1 TO W
   200
   210
         IF X$(L) = G$ THEN LET A$(L) = G$
   220
         IF A$(L) = G$ THEN LET C = 1
   230
         NEXT L
         IF NOT C THEN LET G = G + 1
   240
         IF A$ = X$ THEN PRINT "**YES**"
   250
   260
         PRINT AS
   270
         PRINT
   280
         FOR L = 500 TO 500 + 20 * G STEP 20
   290
        GOSUB L
   300
         NEXTI
   310
         IF A$ = X$ OR G = 10 THEN RUN
   320
         PRINT
   330
         GOTO 150
   500
         RETURN
         PRINT "(graphics A,A,A)
   520
   530
         RETURN
         PRINT " (graphics A,A,A)
   540
         RETURN
   550
         PRINT "△△■" (space, space, graphics 5)
   560
   570
         RETURN
         PRINT "△ △ " (space, space, graphics 5)
   580
   590
         RETURN
         PRINT "\(\triangle \) [space, graphics E, E, 5)
   600
   610
         RETURN
         PRINT "\(\Delta\)" (space,graphics R)
   620
   630
         RETURN
         PRINT " (graphics R,1)
   640
   650
         RETURN
         PRINT "\(\Delta\) " (space, graphics 8, space)
   660
   670
         RETURN
         PRINT "A " (space, graphics Q)
   680
         RETURN
   690
         PRINT " (graphics 8,4)
   700
   710
         RETURN
```

Running the Program

The word appears on the screen as you type it in, so make sure your opponent doesn't sneak a look. The computer does not check whether the word is legal or contains only legal characters, but I don't think your opponent will be too pleased if it is illegal.

When guessing you can guess only one letter at a time. As you guess wrong letters, a man being hanged is drawn. The aim is to guess the word before the man is hanged.

The letters you have guessed correctly are displayed in their correct positions at the top of the screen. You will be told how many letters are in the word.

QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

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This program will solve equations of the form

$$A * (X ** 2) + B * X + C = 0$$

for you. You enter the values of A, B and C. The program will solve for real or imaginary roots.

Program Structure

The program uses the formula

$$X = [-B + SQR(B ** 2 - 4 * A * C)]/2 * A$$

 $X = [-B - SQR(B ** 2 - 4 * A * C)]/2 * A$

to calculate the roots of the equation.

If B ** 2-4*A*C is negative, then the roots are imaginary.

Quadratic Equations

- 110 PRINT "A QUADRATIC EQUATION HAS", "THE FORM"
- 120 PRINT
- 130 PRINT "A (X)SQUARED + B (X) + C = 0"
- 140 PRINT
- 150 PRINT "INPUT A"
- 160 INPUT A
- 170 PRINT "A = "; A
- 180 PRINT "INPUT B"
- 190 INPUT B
- 200 PRINT "B = "; B
- 210 PRINT "INPUT C"
- 220 INPUT C
- 230 PRINT "C =; C
- 235 LET J = (ABS B) ** 2 (4 * A * C)

- 240 IF J (0 THEN GOTO 500
- 250 LET P = SQR J
- 260 PRINT "THE ROOTS ARE REAL"
- 270 PRINT
- 280 PRINT "X=";(-B+P)/(2 * A); " \triangle OR \triangle ";(-B-P)/(2 * A)
- 290 STOP
- 500 PRINT "THE ROOTS ARE IMAGINARY"
- 510 PRINT
- 520 LET P = ABS J
- 530 PRINT "X = ";-B/(2 * A); " \triangle +/- \triangle "; (SQR P)/(2 * A); "I"
- 540 PRINT
- 550 PRINT "WHERE I = THE SQUARE ROOT", "OF -1"

SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS

This program solves two simultaneous equations of the type

Enter, in order, A, B, and C for the first equation, then for the second.

If there is no solution, or there are an infinite number of solutions, you will be told that the problem is degenerate.

Program Structure

100

350

360

STOP

DIM X(6)

The input variables are stored in the array 'X.' A and B are the solutions.

D is the common denominator of the solutions.

Line 140 generates the A, B and C that appear down the screen as prompts as you input the data. 37 is one less than the code for A. So for I=1 or 4, it prints A; for I=2 or 5, B; and for I=3 or 6, C.

```
110
      PRINT "SOLUTIONS TO 2 EQUATIONS:"
      PRINT "A * X + B * Y + C = 0", , , "ENTER DATA"
120
130
      FOR I = 1 TO 6
      PRINT CHR$(37 + I - INT [(I - 1)/3) * 3],
140
150
      INPUT X(I)
160
      PRINT X(I)
170
      NEXTI
300
      LET D = X(2) * X(4) - X(1) * X(5)
310
      IF D = 0 THEN GOTO 360
320
      LET A = [X(3) * X(5) - X(2) * X(6)] / D
330
      LET B = [X(1) * X(6) - X(3) * X(4)] / D
      PRINT "SOLUTIONS ARE:",, "X = "; A,, "Y = "; B
340
```

PRINT "DEGENERATE: NO SOLUTIONS"

N ARCADE GAMES

STAR WARS

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You are the rear gunner in a space craft defending the Mother Ship. Through your spaceport you can see the enemy trying to get through the defenses of the Imperial forces.

You quickly shift your gunsight to get the enemy within firing range, and blast away. GOT HIM!

But what's that? Another one? YES—have to get him, as well. If you can ward off the repeated attacks for 3 minutes you know that the Imperial forces will have been able to smash the enemy's power supply.

How many of the invaders can you destroy?

Program Structure

Lines 140 to 170 both print the spaceship at its present location and blank out its previous position.

Since it can move only one space at a time, by writing blanks to all adjacent positions, the previous ship is overwritten.

100 **LET A = 600** 110 LET B = 0120 LET H = INT(RND * 18)130 LET V = INT(RND * 26)PRINT AT H – 1, V + 1; " $\wedge \wedge$ " (2 blanks) 140 PRINT AT H,V; "A 150 (blank, graphics 2, T, blank) 160 PRINT AT H + 1,V; "∧ ■ ∧" (blank, 2*graphic 2, blank) PRINT AT H + 2, V + 1; " $\triangle \triangle$ " (2 blanks) 170 PRINT AT 11,15; "+" 180 190 LETA = A - 1200 IF A = 0 THEN GOTO 300 210 IF INKEY\$ = "5" THEN LET V = V - 1220 IF INKEY\$ = "6" THEN LET H = H + 1 230 IF INKEY\$ = "7" THEN LET H = H - 1

```
240 IF INKEY$ = "8" THEN LET V = V + 1
```

270 IF H
$$\rangle$$
 = 10 AND H \langle = 11 AND V \rangle = 13 AND V \langle = 14 THEN LET B = B + 1

280 CLS

290 GOTO 120

300 PRINT AT 0,0; "SCORE ="; B

Running the Program

The aim of this game is to shoot as many alien spaceships as you can in the allotted time.

You can move the gunsight of your spaceship with the buttons 5 to 8. They move the laser gun in the direction of the arrows. When the alien spaceship is in the crosslines of your gun (the '+' in the center of the screen) you can fire by pressing 9.

At the end of your allotted time at the guns, your score will be displayed. Can you shoot more invaders the next time they attack?

LUNAR LANDER

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In this ZX81 version of the classic arcade game, you have to land your spaceship safely.

The control panel of your spacecraft is able to display the velocity relative to the ground, the height above the ground and the amount of fuel left. An inset graphically displays your position above ground.

Unfortunately your control panel is not able to show your acceleration, so you have to use some intuition to get a good landing.

Your initial velocity is upward, and you are at a distance of 2000 ft above the ground. (A positive velocity corresponds to upward travel, and a negative velocity to downward travel.)

If your velocity is more than 100 ft/sec when you reach the ground, your craft will not be able to withstand the impact and you will ** CRASH **.

You can alter your velocity by applying thrust, and deciding the duration of that thrust. If you run out of fuel your attempts to apply upward thrust will be futile and you will no doubt crash as your craft accelerates to the ground.

Program Variables

V is the velocity of the ship, and initially it is a random number between 0 and 500.

H = the height of the ship above the ground

R = the fuel reserve

F = the force (or thrust) upon the ship

A = the acceleration

T = the time for which the force will act

Program Structure

The new velocity and height are calculated using the formula:

$$V = 2 * A * T + V$$

 $H = H + A * T ** 2 + V * T$

You may note from the formula A = F - 32 that the acceleration is that of the earth. This is a Lunar Lander that is coming back to earth!

Line 200 prints the lander. If its distance from the ground is more than 2000 ft it is printed at 0,2, since H(2000) is false and therefore has value 0. So then the value of the whole expression is 0. If (H(2000)) is true (and has value 1) then the value of the expression is 20 - H/100.

Lunar Lander

```
110
      LET V = INT(RND * 500)
120
      LET H = 2000
130
      LET R = 6000
140
      GOTO 260
150 PRINT AT 1,0;"THRUST(0-99)"
160 INPUT F
180
      PRINT AT 1,0;"TIME(1-6)\wedge \wedge \wedge"
190
      INPUT T
200
      CLS
210
      IF F * T \rangle R/10 THEN LET F = R/(10 * T)
220
      LET R = P - F * T * 10
230
      LETA = F - 32
240
       LET H = A * T ** 2 + V * T + H
250
      LET V = 2 * A * T + V
260
      PRINT "MOON LANDER"
270
      IF H = 0 THEN LET H = 0
280
      PRINT "SPEED":V
290
      PRINT "DIST"; INT H
295
       PRINT "FUEL";R
300
       PRINT AT (H (2000) * (20 − H/100),2;" ■
       (graphics TY)
```

- 305 PRINT AT 21,1;" (graphics 6666)
- 310 IF H > 0 THEN GOTO 150
- 320 PRINT AT 5,0;"SCORE =";100 + V
- 330 IF V < 100 THEN PRINT "CRASH"
- 360 IF 100 + V > 0 THEN PRINT "LANDED"

Running the Program

This 1K version does not feature "real time" action of the lander. Rather you have to decide what thrust you are going to apply and for how long. The program then calculates your position as a result of that decision and you start again.

Note that the height and velocity of the Lander are determined by the laws of physics: the effect of acceleration varies as the square of the time. If you apply a thrust of 80 for 2 seconds the effect is going to be quite different from applying that thrust for 4 seconds!

Hints for happy landing: Your craft is initially travelling with an upward velocity, just like a tennis ball as it leaves the tennis racket—if no further force is applied, the ship will continue travelling upward for a little time and then gently fall down again to earth.

Until you gain familiarity with the controls apply thrust for only short periods: this will mean that you will probably run out of fuel in your first few games, but you can use this expertise to make perfect landings later.

If you find the program too easy, you can alter the initial amount of fuel in your Lunar Lander by altering line 130.

Best of luck, Lunar Traveller!

ASTEROIDS IN SPACE

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You are travelling through space in your ship when you suddenly encounter a meteor storm.

You can steer your ship past the meteors using your rudder controls only (key '5' to go left and '8' to go right)—hyperdrive has been disabled by one of the meteors.

As if this were not bad enough, if you do survive the meteor storm, you will find that you have become so disoriented that you are travelling the wrong way in the space lanes. All the other spaceships are coming at you.

You must steer past these in the same way as before, but the ships are bigger than the meteors, so it is more difficult.

Eventually you will CRASH! When you do, you will find your survival rating on the screen of your spaceship console.

Program Structure

The program uses the SCROLL function to move the meteors and spaceships (other than yours).

When the display is SCROLLED, your ship will move with everything else, so it is overwritten with blanks, then printed again in the correct position. In this way, your ship stays on the same line in the screen while everything else moves.

The positions of the meteors coming toward you are kept in A, B, C, D and E, with E being the closest. By comparing E with the position of your ship, the program determines whether or not you are about to crash.

Asteroids

```
LET A$ = "\( (graphics A)
100
105
      LET N = 0
110
      LETA = 0
115
      LETB = 0
120
      LET C = 0
      LET D = 0
125
130
      LETT = 1
135
      LET X = 12
      LET R = INT (RND * 27)
160
      PRINT AT 21,R;A$
170
180
      SCROLL
190
      SCROLL
200
      LET N = N + T
      IF N = 100 THEN LET A$ = " (graphics T4)
205
      IF N = 104 THEN LET T = 2
210
215
      LETE = D
      LET D = C
220
230
      LET C = B
240
      LET B = A
250
      LET A = R
      PRINT AT 9.X -2; "\wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge" (6 spaces)
255
      PRINT AT 11,X; " (graphics YT)
260
      IF X = E - 2 AND X = E + T THEN GOTO 500
270
280
      IF INKEY$ = "5" THEN LET X = X - T
      IF INKEY$ = "8" THEN LET X = X + T
290
300
      GOTO 160
500
      PRINT AT 11.X - 1:"CRASH"
      PRINT AT 0.0:"SCORE ="; N
510
```

BOMBS AWAY

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The aim of this game is to land your plane; but the runway is covered with rubble which you must clear away first.

Your plane moves right and slowly descends automatically, and you can drop bombs to clear away the rubble by typing 'F'. If there is any rubble left by the time your plane tries to land, you will CRASH; otherwise you will glide to a halt. (ED: We think so, but no one here has been able to get a perfect score yet!!)

This is quite a difficult task, so good luck.

Program Structure

The only record of where there is rubble is in the display.

To find out whether the plane is about to CRASH, the program PEEKs at addresses 16398 and 16399 which contain the address of the next location to be printed.

When we PEEK in memory we look to see what is in that particular memory location. We know from the ZX81 manual that locations 16398 and 16399 have been set aside by the operating system to hold the position in memory of the next position to be printed.

This is a little like the ability to specify where we want to print by using PRINT AT. In fact we can have the same effect as PRINT AT by changing (i.e., POKEing) the contents of 16398 and 16399. Of course it's much harder to do it that way so no one does that, but there is no BASIC command that lets us say something such as

IF PRINT AT = 137 THEN . . .

Instead if we calculate

PEEK 16398 + 256 * PEEK 16399

we will get the address in memory of the next position to be printed.

This is not quite the same as knowing the line and position but it's enough for us to work out what is there. If we look at the contents of that position (i.e., PEEK)—hence that horrible

PEEK (PEEK, etc.)

in line 270—we will know what is just ahead of the airplane.

There are three possibilities for what we will find just ahead of the plane: an empty space, an end-of-line character, or rubble. This is what we check for in line 270. If it's rubble, STOP!!!

The rest of the program is simple to follow—extremely ingenious and a great game.

Bombs Away

- 110 LET A = 1
- 120 LET B = 0
- 130 LET S = B
- 140 FOR I = B TO 19
- 150 PRINT AT 9,1; " (graphic G)
- 160 PRINT AT 10,1; """ (graphic A)
- 170 NEXT I
- 180 PRINT AT A,B; "A" (space)
- 190 LET B = B + 1
- 200 IF B < 22 THEN GOTO 240
- 210 LET A = A + 1
- 220 PRINT AT S,B − 1; "△" (space)
- 230 LET B = 0
- 240 PRINT AT A,B;"">"
- 250 IF A = 9 AND B = 19 THEN STOP
- 260 PRINT AT A,B + 1;

```
270
      IF PEEK (PEEK 16398 + 256 * PEEK 16399) = 137
      THEN STOP
280
      IF S = 0 THEN GOTO 400
290
      PRINT AT S,B -1; "\wedge" (space)
300
      IF S = 9 THEN GOTO 340
310
      LETS = S + 1
      PRINT AT S,B; " (graphic 3)
320
330
      GOTO 180
340
      LETS = 0
400
      IF INKEY$ = "F" THEN LET S = A
405
      GOTO 180
```

Running the Program

It will take you only a few games to realize that you need good aim to clear away all the rubble!

The BOMBS AWAY is controlled by the FIRE button: the use of the INKEY\$ routine in line 400 means that by pressing 'F' continuously you will keep on dropping bombs—but that's not good enough to clear the runway.

Like any good aircraft pilot, you need to exercise splitsecond timing and sound judgment as to when to drop the bomb.

U.F.O.

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The aim of this game is to strike the fast-moving U.F.O. as it flies overhead.

It is essential to be accurate—those U.F.O.s will keep trying to invade the earth until they are eventually destroyed.

Program Structure

The U.F.O. is printed by two FOR-NEXT loops. One prints it going from left to right; then the other prints it from right to left. The U.F.O. is printed, then immediately overwritten with blanks.

It is by using the shortest possible number of instructions in the FOR-NEXT loops that the U.F.O. is able to move so fast. Unfortunately this also causes the image of the U.F.O. to flicker.

The function INKEY\$ is used to input the "Fire" command. Unlike the INPUT statement, INKEY\$ doesn't wait for input from the keyboard, so if you don't type 'F' the program keeps going.

U.F.O.

- 105 LET B = 2 110 FOR N = 30 TO 1 STEP -1
- 120 PRINT AT B,N; " (graphics T,Y)
- 140 PRINT AT B,N; "△△" (2 spaces)
- 145 IF INKEY\$ = "F" THEN GOTO 205
- 150 NEXT N
- 160 FOR N = 1 TO 30
- 170 PRINT AT B,N; " (graphics TY)
- 180 PRINT AT B,N; "\(\Delta\)\(\Omega'\) (2 spaces)
- 185 IF INKEY\$ = "F" THEN GOTO 205

NEXT N 190 200 **GOTO 110** PRINT AT B,N; "____" (graphics TY) 205 210 FOR X = 20 TO 1 STEP -1212 **LET Y = 15** PRINT AT X,Y; " (graphics T4) 215 220 PRINT AT X,Y; "△△" (2 spaces) IF B = X AND Y = N THEN GOTO 230 222 225 **NEXT X** 227 **GOTO 40** PRINT AT X,Y;"BOOOOM" 230

BREAKOUT

© by Clifford Ramshaw

This program is a BASIC version of the TV game variously known as Breakout or Brick Wall.

Although a machine language version of this game is quite easily done in 1K it is a remarkable achievement by Clifford Ramshaw to have given us a BASIC version which fits into 1K.

The aim of this game is to knock out as much of the wall as possible. Keep the ball in the court by moving your paddle left (with the 'Z' key) or right (with the 'M' key) to hit the ball.

To make the game more interesting, the angle at which the ball bounces back is random.

Program Structure

X and Y are the coordinates of the ball. DX and DY give the gradient of the path of the ball. The ball is moved by adding DX to X, and DY to Y, then plotting the new position. The old position is cleared with the UNPLOT function. If this position is part of the wall, then there will be a hole in the wall.

Breakout

```
105
      GOSUB 1000
      LET P = 10
110
      LET X = P
115
      LET Y = 21
120
125
      LET DX = 1
130
      LET DY = DX
135
      UNPLOT X,Y
140
      LET X = X + DX
      LETY = Y + DY
145
150
      PLOT X.Y
152
      IF Y \rangle 42 THEN LET DX = INT (RND * 3 - 1)
```

```
155
      IF Y \rangle 42 THEN LET DY = -DY
160
      IF X \langle 3 \text{ OR X} \rangle 22 \text{ THEN LET DEX} = -DX
165
      IF Y ) 19 THEN GOTO 180
      IF X () P AND X () P + 1 THEN STOP
170
      LETDY = -DY
175
180
      UNPLOT P,19
185
      UNPLOT P + 1.19
190
      IF INKEYS = "X" THEN LET P = P - 1
      IF INKEY$ = "M" THEN LET P = P + 1
195
200
      PLOT P.19
205
      PLOT P + 1,19
210
      GOTO 135
1000 FOR I = 1 TO 13
1005
      PRINT "F"; (graphic A)
1010 NEXT I
1015 FOR I = 0 TO 11
1020 PRINT AT I,0;" (graphic space)
      PRINT AT I,13;" (graphic space)
1025
1030
      NEXTI
      RETURN
1035
```

Running the Program

After you press (RUN) (NEW LINE), you will see the two boundary walls of the court being drawn up, and then the row of bricks across the back wall.

Your paddle is 2 characters wide across the bottom of the court area, and you must position it correctly to catch the ball as it comes toward the baseline.

If you should miss, the program will STOP. Press (RUN) (NEW LINE) for a new game.

This one is a real challenge.

If you want to make it much easier and allow yourself an unlimited number of balls to knock the wall down, you can change line 300 to read:

300 IF $X \land P$ AND $X \land P + 1$ THEN RUN 40 This will have the effect of leaving the old ball and paddle on the baseline, but as you play on, they will be erased.

SPACE TAXI

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Space Taxi is a game in which you are in a spaceship and must fly over the white mountains, dodging the obstacles for as long as possible.

You move the spaceship up (using the 'Z' key) or down (using the 'M' key), but the movement to the right is automatic.

If your ship collides with the mountains or an obstacle, your score is shown and a new game started. If the ship reaches the righthand side safely, it will reappear on the left with a new display.

Program Structure

The subroutine at 1000 sets up the mountains and the obstacles. The height of the mountains and the position of the obstacles are random. They are shown on the screen, and this is the only record of where they are. Line 170 looks at the next position to be printed, and checks whether or not it is blank.

The position of the spaceship is recorded by co-ordinates X and Y. Lines 80 and 90 control the vertical movement of the spaceship, and the X component is automatically incremented.

Space Taxi

- 10 LET S = 0
- 20 LET Y = 1
- 30 LET X = 0
- 40 CLS
- 50 GOSUB 1000
- 60 PRINT AT Y,X;" (graphic space)

```
70
      LETD = 0
80
      IF INKEY$ = "M" THEN LET D = -1
90
      IF INKEY$ = "Z" THEN LET D = 1
100
      LETS = S + 1
110
      LET X = X + 1
     IF X = 31 THEN GOTO 30
120
130
      LETY = Y + D
     IF Y (0 THEN LET Y = 0
140
      PRINT AT Y,X; "\" (graphic greater than)
150
160
      PRINT AT Y,X + 1;
170
      IF PEEK (PEEK 16398 + 256 * PEEK 16399)
      ⟨⟩ 0 THEN GOTO 60
180
      PRINTS
190
      PAUSE 100
200
      RUN
1000 FOR J = 0 TO 31
     FORI = 0 TO 2 + INT(RND * 3)
1005
     PRINT AT I, J; " (graphic space)
1010
1015
     NEXTI
1020 NEXTJ
1025 FOR I = 1 TO 15
1030
     PRINT AT INT(RND * 5), INT(RND * 27) + 5;
      "A" (space)
1035
     NEXTI
1040
      RETURN
```

Running the Program

As you can see, this is only a short program but exceptionally well designed and great fun to play. Moreover it has a great scoring routine which gives you a score as soon as you crash.

If you manage to get through all the obstacles on your first pass through the mountains, another mountain range appears and the score is continually updated.

You will note that line 200 contains the instruction (RUN) which you would not normally expect to find in a program listing.

This is a device to enable continuous running of the program: if you should happen to CRASH, the score will be displayed for some seconds, and then the game starts over. In effect this saves you the need from having to type (RUN) (NEW LINE) at the end of each pass through the mountains.

Watch out: Space Taxi is addictive!

V ZX81 UTILITY PROGRAMS

BUBBLE SORT

This program sorts 15 numbers. You can watch the smallest number "bubble" to the top on the screen. If you don't want to input your own numbers, the computer will generate them for you.

Program Structure

This program would probably be more useful as a subroutine than by itself. You could use it, for example, to order the cards in a hand in a bridge program. Nonetheless it is an interesting program in its own right.

If you want to use it as a subroutine, note:

The variable "N" contains the number of items to be sorted. If this is not 15, then change line 100.

The numbers to be sorted are in array "P." If your program sets up the array, then all you need to sort the array are lines 270 to 380.

Lines 350 and 360 just print the array so that you can watch the sort. You may want to delete them if you are using the sort in another program.

100-110 INITIALIZATION

120-190 ENTER NUMBERS FROM KEYBOARD

200-220 COMPUTER GENERATED NUMBERS

230-260 PRINT NUMBERS

270-380 SORT

The program works by comparing two elements in the array (in line 310) and changing their order if necessary.

It is called a Bubble Sort because the "lighter" numbers seem to "bubble" to the top. When there are no more bubbles, the program stops.

Bubble Sort Demonstration

- 100 LET N = 15
- 110 DIM P(N)
- 120 PRINT "OWN NUMBERS?"
- 130 INPUT B\$
- 140 IF B\$ = "N" THEN GOTO 200
- 150 PRINT "ENTER 15 NUMBERS"
- 160 FOR Y = 1 TO N
- 170 INPUT P(Y)
- 180 NEXT Y
- 190 GOTO 230
- 200 FOR X = 1 TO N
- 210 LET P(X) = 15 * RND + 1
- 220 NEXT X
- 230 CLS
- 240 FOR X = 1 TO N
- 250 PRINT AT X,0;P(X)
- 260 NEXT X
- 270 FOR J = 1 TO N 1
- 280 LET K = J + 1
- 290 FOR I = K TO N
- 300 LET L = N + K I
- 310 IF P(L) > P(J) THEN GOTO 370
- 320 LET T = P(L)
- 330 LET P(L) = P(J)
- 340 LET P(J) = T
- 350 PRINT AT J,0;P(J);"△△"
- 360 PRINT AT L,0;P(L);"△△"
- 370 NEXT I
- 380 NEXT J

Running the Program

This program gives a very nice visual demonstration of the sorting process, so it is much more interesting if run in the SLOW mode. If you are going to be loading this program from a cassette, be sure to change back to SLOW before pressing RUN.

The program will ask if you would like to submit your own disordered numbers or let the computer choose its own (line 140).

Then just sit back and watch the program at work.

LINE RENUMBERING

This is a program that you may find useful if you are in the habit of developing programs and find yourself at the end of the day with oddly numbered lines and no room to fit that last brilliantly conceived routine into the middle.

Enter this short program, type (RUN 9900), (NEW LINE), and next time you look at the listing, just like magic it has all been cleaned up.

An added bonus is that at the cost of only one more line you can have a screen display of all lines that contain a GOTO or GOSUB statement.

(Because the ZX81 allows computed GOTOs and GOSUBs as in GOTO 100 + A * 10 it is not possible for a program to renumber the GOTOs and GOSUBs—but at least you'll know where they are and won't miss any.)

Test Program

The following program is a "test" program in that it won't change any of the lines' numbers but will illustrate the operation of the Line Renumbering Program.

The program assumes that the first line in your program is numbered 100 and that you want the program lines to increase in steps of 10. To change this, alter line 9990 to change the starting line number and line 9998 to change the size of the increment.

You cannot LOAD a program from tape once you already have a program in memory, so either load this program first whenever you are going to develop programs or key it in as required—it's short, anyway.

9990 LET L = 100 9991 FOR N = 16515 TO 17400 (assumes 1K) Change to "16515 TO 32700" for 16K)

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9993 IF PEEK N ⟨ ⟩ 118 THEN GOTO 9999
9994 IF PEEK (N + 1) ⟩ 38 THEN STOP
9995 PRINT 256 * PEEK(N + 1) + PEEK(N + 2); "△ → "
(space, minus, greater than)
9996 PRINT L
9997 LET N = N + 3 + PEEK(N + 3) + 256 * PEEK(N + 4)
9998 LET L = L + 10
9999 NEXT N
```

If you add a short program of oddly numbered lines you will be able to test this test program.

Enter (RUN 9990) (NEW LINE) and the screen display will show you the old line numbers and what they would be converted to if they were renumbered.

Line Renumbering Model 1

The Line Renumbering Program is identical to the test program above, but we replace lines 9995 and 9996 as follows:

```
9995 POKE N + 1, INTL(L/256)
9996 POKE N + 2, L-256 * INT(L/256)
```

The program will now do the renumbering that was only indicated in the test program. Note that the screen display will not now be shown.

This program occupies about 260 bytes of memory.

If you are concerned about memory usage, see "Machine Code Editor" where a 38-byte version of this program can be found.

Line Renumbering Model 2

The super deluxe Line Renumbering Program is as follows:

9990 LET L = 100 9991 LET N = 16509 9992 IF PEEK N > 38 THEN STOP

```
9993 POKE N, INT(L/256)
```

9997 NEXT N

9998 LET L = L + 10

9999 GOTO 9992

Your screen will now show the line number of all GOTOs and GOSUBs. If you are using a line increment different from 10 then don't forget to make the appropriate changes in this line.

The Model 2 Line Renumbering Program requires about 310 bytes.

The "Show Only" version can be obtained by replacing lines 9993 and 9994 by:

Note to shorten the programs: You will no doubt have noticed that line 9997 is quite cumbersome.

That line actually serves two purposes:

- 1. To determine where the start of the next BASIC is
- 2. To eliminate the possibility of finding an end-ofline character in the middle of a line

The latter is possible without your even knowing about it because of the way the ZX81 treats numbers in a BASIC line—it converts them to a 6-byte code for numbers.

This means that an innocuous number such as 123 actually ends up containing the dreaded end-of-line character in it!

You can shorten line 9997 to read

at the risk of a slower program and of finding an end-ofline character in the text.

Should this happen, most of the time no problem will arise except that lines after the offending one will not be renumbered and occasionally your number will be corrupted.

The "Show Only" version of Line Renumbering will show you when that happens.

Just a tip if you are tight on memory and forgot to enter the machine code version first: a super deluxe "short" Line Renumbering Program is possible with the addition of the following line:

9992 IF PEEK N = 236 OR PEEK N = 237 THEN PRINT L-10; "="; CHR\$ PEEK N

MACHINE CODE EDITOR

The aim of this short BASIC program is to enable you to enter a machine code program into a REMark statement at the beginning of the program. Incidentally, this program will also illustrate the uses of PEEKs and POKEs.

The first line of the program is numbered line 100 and is a REMark statement containing 32 number ones: this is where we will place the machine code, and as far as we are concerned, it could be filled with the letters of the alphabet or any 32 graphics characters. All that this line does is to reserve 32 bytes of memory at an address we know. (The ZX81 manual tells us that the first byte of the REM statement will be at memory location 16514: you could check this out by writing a short program to PEEK around the memory!)

The subroutine located at lines 500 onward PEEKs at what is in the Ith location. (I = 0 to 31 in this case, but if you want to enter longer machine code programs, you could alter this maximum value of I in line 120. Be sure to make the REM statement long enough.)

To PEEK at a memory location is merely to look at what is in there. The subroutine on its return contains the contents of that memory location in A\$.

You then have a choice of leaving that memory location as it is [Press (ENTER) which makes A\$ = ""—see line 170] or of entering what you would like the memory location to contain. Your input has to be in 2 digit Hex code.

Line 190 POKEs what you decided you wanted into that memory location. POKE is computer for PUT—we are therefore only putting a selected value into that space.

```
111)
110 LET S = 16514
120 FOR I = 0 TO 31
130 SCROLL
140 GOSUB 500
150 PRINT I; "="; A$; ".-) .";
160
   INPUT A$
170
   IF A$ = "" THEN GOTO 200
180 LET V = 16 * CODE A$ + CODE A$ (2) - 476
190 POKES+I, V
200 GOSUB 500
210 PRINT AS
220 NEXTI
230 STOP
500 LET V = PEEK (S + I)
510 LET H = INT(V/16)
520 LET L = V-16 * H
530 LET A$ = CHR$(H + 28) + CHR$(L + 28)
540 RETURN
```

Running the Program (Part 1)

When you have entered (RUN) (NEW LINE) the screen will display the following at the bottom:

$$0 = ID -)$$

and the cursor will indicate it is waiting for a string input.

What the display is showing you is that the contents of the 0th location is 1D (in Hex: you can confirm this is the number '1' by checking the table at the back of the ZX81 manual).

If you now enter 1E (NEW LINE), you will see

0 = 1D -) 1E 1 = 1D -)

This means that the contents of the 0th location were changed from 1D to 1E.

Enter the values 1E, 1F, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D.

If you now look at the listing of the program you will see that we have changed the contents of the REM line! It now reads

100 REM23456789ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWX

This should be a pretty good demonstration of what PEEK and POKE are all about. Obviously we can also PEEK or POKE into the screen area, the variables held in memory, and so on.

Running the Program (Part 2)

We will now use the same program to enter a 32-byte machine language routine which can renumber the lines for us. This is similar to our program Line Renumbering except it is not able to indicate which lines contain GOTOs and GOSUBs.

The benefits of this machine language routine, however, are that it is much faster in execution and occupies less memory than in the BASIC listing of our other program.

Enter the following values: 11, A2, 40, 21, 64, 00, 1A, 3D, FE, 75, C0, 13, 1A, FE, 27, D0, 01, 0A, 00, 09, EB, 72, 23, 73, 23, 4E, 23, 46, 09, EB, 18, E6.

You can now test this machine language program by entering the line (without line number)

PRINT USR 16514 (NEW LINE)

If you now look at the listing you will see that the lines have all been renumbered! (If you still want the BASIC program to work, alter lines 140 and 200 to read GOSUB 240.)

It is beyond the scope of this book to explain how the machine code works, but for the benefit of readers who understand machine language we have included the assembly listing with comments at the end of this text.

The routine you now have stored in Line 100 will work for any program. Just delete line 110 onward, and press (CLEAR) (NEW LINE). You now have a short program (38 bytes) which will renumber lines for you just by entering

PRINT USR 16514 (NEW LINE)

Save this program on cassette and load it every time you want to develop your own programs. When you have finished developing your program, you can delete line 100 and replace it by a REM statement with the name of your program, such as

100 REM THE GREATEST PROGRAM EVER

or some other suitable title.

Running the Program (Part 3)

We can also use the same program to create any other machine language program we may find useful.

For example, it is possible to write a 13-byte machine language program that will tell you to the byte how much memory you have left. This 'Memory Left' utility can be used even during the running of a program!

Because we have a shorter machine language program, set up line 100 to have only 13 number '1's, and amend line 120 to read

100 FOR I = 0 TO 12

Enter the following values into the program when requested to do so: B7, ED, 5B, 1C, 40, ED, 62, 39, ED, 52, E5, C1, C9.

This short machine code program will return the memory left in answer to entering PRINT USR 16514. Try this now. Delete all lines except for line 100 and press (CLEAR) (NEW LINE). (This will remove all the variables created in running the machine code editor program.) See what the result of PRINT USR 16514 is now.

As mentioned above, this utility can even be used during the running of a program, as in the following line:

IF USR 16514 (50) THEN STOP

This can be very useful in developing programs.

The assembler codes for this short machine language program are

B7	OR	A
ED 5B 1C 40	LD	DE, (16412)
ED 62	SBC	HL, HL
39	ADD	HL, SP
ED 52	SBC	HL, DE
E5	PUSH	HL
C1	POP	BC
C9	RET	

It is beyond the scope of this book to talk about machine language programming, but it should be obvious from these few examples that machine language programming is able to provide many benefits for users of the Sinclair ZX81.

The Line Renumbering routine, for example, is able to be reduced from some 260 bytes to only 38 bytes and will execute even more quickly. The Memory Left utility, for example, cannot be properly duplicated in a BASIC program because it is impossible to determine how far down the stack is without recourse to machine language.

You may be interested to know that both the Line Renumbering and Memory Left utilities can be combined in one REM statement if you so desire. Set Line 100 to have 45 number '1's in it, and amend line 120 to read FOR I=0 TO 44. Enter the Memory Left code first, then the Line Renumbering code. (The code is exactly the same EXCEPT for the second entry in the Line Renumbering Program: change from A2 to AF.)

To obtain Memory Left, use PRINT USR 16514; to obtain Line Renumbering, use PRINT USR 16527.

Running the Program (Part 4)

It is not necessary to store only machine code routines in the REM statement. You can use this program to store any numbers as long as they are in the range 0 to 255.

There may be times when you need to store a lot of variables for one of your own programs, but don't want to store them in a variable because this would use up 6 bytes per number.

This program is ideal for that kind of situation. We use this principle in the program "Doctor ZX81."

		00110	;			
		00120	;	CODE	TO BE STO	RED IN REM STATEMENT
		00130	;	NUMBERED AS LINE 100		
		00140	;	NOTE	: THIS MUS	T BE FIRST LINE OF PROGRAM
		00150	;			
		00160				
4082		00170		ORG	16514	
		00180	,			
		00190	: DEFINES	TARTI	NG POSITIO	N AS END OF REM LINE 100
4082	11A240	00200	START	LD	DE,16456	
4085	216400	00210		LD	HL,100	
		00220				
		00230	; CHECK W	EHAVE	E AN END-O	F-LINE CHARACTER
4088	1A	00240	ENDLIN	LD	A,(DE)	; CHECK LOCATION CONTAINS
4089	3D	00250		DEC	Α	; END OF LINE CHARACTER
408A	FE75	00260		CP	75H	; IF A = 75H, ALL OK
408C	CO	00270		RET	NZ	; OTHERWISE ABORT
		00280				
		00290	: DE POINT	S TO N	EW LINE ST	ART
		00300	: HL CONTA	AINS L	INE # OF PE	REVIOUS LINE
408D	13	00310	NXTLIN	INC	DE	; DE POINTS TO NUMBER OF LINE
408E	1A	00320		LD	A,(DE)	
					, , ,	

ZX81 LINE RENUMBERING ROUTINE

00100 ;

408F	FE27	00330		CP	27H	; IF YES, ALL LINES RENUMBERED
4091	D0	00340		RET	NC	; SO ALL FINISHED
		00350	;			
4092	010A00	00360		LD	BC,10	; THIS IS LINE INCREMENT
4095	09	00370		ADD	HL,BC	; CALCULATE NEW LINE #
		00380	;			
		00390	; INSERT N	EW LIN	E # IN MEMO	ORY
4096	EB	00410		EX	DE,HL	; SWAP HL,DE
4097	72	00420		LD	(HL),D	; SO THE DE HAS LINE #
4098	23	00430		INC	HL	; POKE MEMORY WITH
4099	73	00440		LD	(HL),E	; NEW LINE NUMBER
		00450	;			
		00460	; GET LINE	LENG1	TH AND SKIP	TO END OF LINE
409A	23	00480		INC	HL	; HL NOW POINTS TO
409B	4E	00490		LD	C,(HL)	; LENGTH OF LINE
409C	23	00500		INC	HL	; LOAD BC WITH LINE LENGTH
409D	46	00510		LD	B,(HL)	
409E	09	00520		ADD	HL,BC	; HL NOW POINTS TO END OF LINE
		00530	;			
409F	EB	00540		EX	DE,HL	; SWAP HL, DE TO RESTORE
		00550				; ORIGINAL CONDITIONS
40A0	18E6	00560		JR	ENDLIN	; RENUMBER NEXT LINE

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MASTERMIND

In this game, the computer generates a number of as many digits as you specify (between 3 and 7). You then have to try to guess the number.

After each guess, the computer will tell you how many of the digits you entered were in its number, and how many were in the correct position. There are no repeated digits in the number chosen by the computer. This means that it will never come up with a number such as 1231.

When you work out what the number is, your score will be displayed. If you get frustrated and want to give up, type (NEW LINE) when you are asked for a number. Of course, in that case you'll never find out what the number was.

Program Structure

The computer's number is stored as an array of digits in A.

Your number is stored as a string of characters in B\$. The function CODE used in line 380 returns the numerical code for the first character in the string. '28' is the code for '0', so CODE(B\$) - 28 gives the numerical value of the first character in B\$.

C contains the number of digits in the correct position. R contains the number of digits that are in the computer's number.

Mastermind

- 100 PRINT "WELCOME TO MASTERMIND"
- 110 PRINT "ENTER NO OF DIGITS IN NUMBER (3-7)"
- 120 INPUT N
- 130 DIM A(N)
- 200 FOR I = 1 TO N

- 210 LET X = INT(RND * 10)
- 220 FOR J = 1 TO I
- 230 IF X = A(J) THEN GOTO 210
- 240 NEXT J
- 250 LET A(I) = X
- 260 NEXTI
- 270 LET G = 0
- 280 GOTO 530
- 300 INPUT B\$
- 310 IF B\$ = "" THEN STOP
- 320 CLS
- 330 PRINT B\$
- 340 LET R = 0
- 350 LET C = R
- 360 LET G = G + 1
- 370 FOR I = 1 TO N
- 380 LET X = CODE(B\$) 28
- 390 IF X = A(I) THEN LET C = C + 1
- 400 FOR J = 1 TO N
- 410 IF X = A(J) THEN LET R = R + 1
- 420 NEXT J
- 430 LET B\$ = B\$(2 TO)
- 440 NEXTI
- 450 IF C = N THEN GOTO 600
- 500 PRINT "NUMBERS RIGHT =";R
- 510 PRINT "CORRECT POSITIONS =";C
- 520 PRINT
- 530 PRINT "ENTER △";N;"△FIGURE GUESS"
- 540 GOTO 300
- 600 PRINT "YOU DID IT IN ∆;G;"∆GUESSES"

DOCTOR ZX81

In this program we will try to bring within the limitations of a 1K machine a conversational program. This is the beginning of a program which shows the possibilities of Artificial Intelligence in the Sinclair ZX81.

Unfortunately because of the restrictions of memory, Doctor ZX81 is not a very stimulating conversationalist.

In fact, some people say that, like most professionals, he doesn't seem to listen to what ordinary people such as you and I have to say!

Structure of the Program

In this program we will have a conversational exchange between the computer and a "patient." We will have to define the vocabulary of the good Doctor and the sentences he will speak.

In order to fit all this into 1K we have divided the program into three smaller programs: one to define the vocabulary, one to define the sentences, and the last one to make the Doctor talk to us.

Vocabulary

We will define the vocabulary into a string variable called A\$. This is what Program 2 does.

The point to remember is that it is not essential to keep the string variable in the program listing as well as in memory. Thus after we have (RUN) Program 2, we can delete the string variable A\$ from the program listing and still have it available for Program 3.

The string variable consists of 38 words which we define as the Doctor's vocabulary. By defining the vocabulary in this way, we can then refer to any word by its position in A\$ and not have to waste memory by using the full word many times.

We put a space after each word and that is the way we will be able to tell where each word ends.

Sentences for the Doctor

After we defined the vocabulary for the Doctor we noticed that the length of that vocabulary was less than 256 characters (in fact, only 203).

We can immediately see that if 38 words require 203 bytes we need to conserve memory wherever we can.

Since each word can be defined by a single number between 1 and 203 (and thus would need only 1 byte in memory in an ideal system), it seems a waste of memory to use a normal variable for each word, which takes up 6 bytes!

We want to define 11 sentences with a total of 75 words; using normal variables would be counterproductive—we would run out of memory!

Instead we will use a REM statement at the beginning of the program to store the words we want to use in our sentences. We will use a simple BASIC program to POKE the numbers we want into the REM statement.

If you have problems understanding what POKE and PEEK are all about, have a look at the program "Machine Code Editor" which may make it clearer to you.

As no word can start at location 0, we will use '0' to define the end of a sentence in much the same way that we used a space to define the end of a word.

Conversing with the Doctor

This is Program 3. By the time we have come to run this program we have the vocabulary stored in A\$ in memory

[and so cannot use (RUN) or (CLEAR)] and the sentences in the REM statement in line 100.

The program consists of taking each word in turn (variable I) and displaying each character of that word (variable J). If the character about to be displayed is a space, we then go to the next word (lines 170 and 180).

If the word about to be displayed is word #0, then we know the sentence is finished, and we display a question and wait for the user's response.

Doctor ZX81: Program 1

This program defines the sentences we will be showing on the screen and stores the word numbers in the REM statement defined in line 100.

- 110 FOR I = 1 TO 89
- 120 SCROLL
- 130 PRINT AT 1,1; I; "△△";
- 140 INPUT V\$
- 150 IF V\$ = "" THEN GOTO 180
- 160 PRINT V\$
- 170 POKE 16513 + I, VAL V\$
- 180 NEXTI

Press (RUN) (NEW LINE). Enter the following numbers followed by (NEW LINE) when each value of the word number is shown:

23 = 46	43 = 199	63 = 0	83 = 74
24 = 161	44 = 60	64 = 36	84 = 14
25 = 0	45 = 51	65 = 199	85 = 0
26 = 36	46 = 153	66 = 60	86 = 124
27 = 195	47 = 3	67 = 51	87 = 109
28 = 147	48 = 0	68 = 153	88 = 20
29 = 153	49 = 36	69 = 3	89 = 0
30 = 85	50 = 195	70 = 0	
31 = 109	51 = 27	71 = 83	
32 = 0	52 = 74	72 = 147	
33 = 185	53 = 158	73 = 124	
34 = 36	54 = 51	74 = 39	
35 = 195	55 = 60	75 = 56	
36 = 147	56 = 0	76 = 161	
37 = 195	57 = 36	77 = 170	
38 = 46	58 = 195	78 = 189	
39 = 153	59 = 147	79 = 195	
40 = 171	60 = 153	80 = 92	
	24 = 161 25 = 0 26 = 36 27 = 195 28 = 147 29 = 153 30 = 85 31 = 109 32 = 0 33 = 185 34 = 36 35 = 195 36 = 147 37 = 195 38 = 46 39 = 153	24 = 161	24 = 161 44 = 60 64 = 36 25 = 0 45 = 51 65 = 199 26 = 36 46 = 153 66 = 60 27 = 195 47 = 3 67 = 51 28 = 147 48 = 0 68 = 153 29 = 153 49 = 36 69 = 3 30 = 85 50 = 195 70 = 0 31 = 109 51 = 27 71 = 83 32 = 0 52 = 74 72 = 147 33 = 185 53 = 158 73 = 124 34 = 36 54 = 51 74 = 39 35 = 195 55 = 60 75 = 56 36 = 147 56 = 0 76 = 161 37 = 195 57 = 36 77 = 170 38 = 46 58 = 195 78 = 189 39 = 153 59 = 147 79 = 195

After you have (RUN) this program, you will get a surprise if you look at the listing of the program: line 100 will now be full of strange letters, commands and graphics characters. This is perfectly normal.

Delete all lines of Program 1 except for Line 100. You should now have a program listing that looks like

```
100 REM $ ? SIN = J ? SIN ?, etc.
```

You can now also press (CLEAR) (NEW LINE) to delete the variables held in memory to make more room for the string variable you are about to enter in Program 2.

Program 2

Add the following line 110 to the line 100 you already have:

110 LET A\$ = "A ACCEPTABLE AGAIN BYEBYE COME DID DO ENOUGH FEEL FIND FOR FRIENDS HELLO HERE HOW I IS I/M LIKE NAME NORMAL REASONABLE SAY THAT/S THERAPIST THERE THINK THIS IS TODAY WAS WAY WHAT WHEN WHY WOULD YOU YOUR"

Be sure that you leave only a single space after each word (including the last word).

It is important that each word should be spelled properly because if you have any errors, the words after that may not be printed out correctly.

Press (RUN) (NEW LINE). The variable A\$ is now stored in memory, so let's check that there are no errors.

Enter the following lines without line numbers:

PRINT A\$(1) (NEW LINE)—You should see A PRINT A\$(199 to 202) (NEW LINE)

—You should see YOUR

If you have made any errors, check A\$ again.

Once you have everything in correctly, and A\$ in memory, delete line 110. Be sure not to press (CLEAR) or (RUN) from now on.

Program 3

```
110 FOR I = 1 TO 89
```

120 LET J = -1

130 LET J = J + 1

140 LET K = PEEK (16513 + I)

150 IF K = 0 THEN GOTO 190

160 PRINT A\$ (K + J);

170 IF A\$ (K + J) ⟨ ⟩ "△" THEN GOTO 130 (space)

180 IF K > 0 THEN GOTO 220

190 PRINT "?"

200 INPUT B\$

210 CLS

220 NEXTI

In order to run this program enter (GOTO 1) (NEW LINE).

Improving the Program

It should be fairly obvious to you by now how to change the conversational pattern of the good Doctor: merely redefine new words for the sentences in Program 1. The numbers refer to the position in A\$ where the word is stored.

Obviously a great improvement could be made by making the doctor responsive to the player's replies.

This could be achieved in a system with more memory by adding lines such as the following:

```
105 LET C$ = ""

205 IF I = 19 THEN LET C$ = B$

215 IF C$⟨⟩"" THEN PRINT C$; "△";
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This will add the name of the player in front of the questions, for example.

CAVES AND PITFALLS

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"Caves and Pitfalls" is an attempt to bring to the user of the Sinclair ZX81 a mini-adventure within the confines of a 1K machine.

Naturally this means a loss of many of the nicer things in traditional adventure games, such as predefined pathways and creatures.

We have to rely entirely on the use of the RND function in this game, and even then it is a very tight squeeze indeed.

The program is so difficult to fit into 1K that it has been found necessary to break it up into two:

- The first program defines all the variables, and after we (RUN) this program we can delete the listing. All the variables will still be remembered in the memory.
- 2. The second program is the one that actually controls the game. Because we need the variables we saved from the first program, we cannot (RUN) it [(RUN) destroys all variables in memory], but must use (GOTO 1) instead.

The other major space saving used in this program is to try to eliminate numbers from the listing of the program. Any number in a program listing, whether something like "FOR X = 1 TO 3" or something like "LET S = 16384," will use up 6 bytes of memory.

This is obviously very wasteful for single and double digit numbers and we have used variables defined in the first program to overcome it.

Variables Used in the Program

We define all the fixed variables in the first program. These are

Monsters we may meet: these are stored in "A\$," which is dimensioned as 4 strings of up to 6 characters each.

Treasure we can find: these are stored in "B\$," which is dimensioned as 2 strings of 6 characters each.

Factors that define the score: these are "T," which is the value of treasure found, and "K," which is the number of monsters killed. The score is obtained by multiplying the two.

Numbers used in the second program: 1, 2, 3, 5, 10.

Caves and Pitfalls: (Program 1)

- 100 DIM A\$(4,6)
- 110 LET A\$(1) = "DRAGON"
- 120 LET A\$(2) = "ZOMBIE"
- 130 LET A\$(3) = "WRAITH"
- 140 LET A\$(4) = "HYDRA"
- 150 DIM B\$(2,6)
 - 160 LET B\$(1) = "GOLD"
 - 170 LET B\$(2) = "SILVER"
 - 180 LET T = 0
 - 190 LET K = 0
 - 200 LET X = 1
 - 210 LET R = 2
 - 220 LET Y = 3
 - 230 LET Z = 5
 - 240 LET W = 10

You must (RUN) the program before you can delete this listing and continue with entering program 2.

After you have (RUN) this program, you may be interested to see how much space it is possible to save by this

method of predefining variables. Enter the following line without a line number:

PRINT PEEK 16404 + 256 * PEEK 16405

This will give you the position of the end of the variable file, and should be about 16900.

Now delete all of this listing by entering the line numbers followed by (NEW LINE). You will end up with a blank screen. To check that all the variables are still remembered you can enter

PRINT A\$(1)

When you press (NEW LINE) you will see DRAGON on the screen! By entering the line as above to check on memory usage, you have saved about 300 bytes of program listing, without losing any of the variables!

Caves and Pitfalls: (Program 2)

Important note: You cannot enter Program 2 without having entered Program 1, (RUN) Program 1, and deleted its listing as above.

Also, do not press (CLEAR) or (RUN) at any stage while entering Program 2 because this will destroy the variables saved.

- 100 GOSUB 800
- 110 PRINT "LEFT, RIGHT?"
- 120 INPUT A
- 130 CLS
- 140 GOTO W * W INT (R * R * RND + X)
- 200 PRINT "A DOOR" ,, "LEAVE OR IN?"
- 210 INPUT A
- 220 IF A = X THEN GO TO W * W
- 300 PRINT "YOU SEE A \triangle "; A\$ [INT(R * R * RND) + X], "IT ADVANCES"

```
310 GOTO 500
400 PRINT "WHOOPS . . . A PIT"
410 LET A = INT (W * RND + X)
430 PRINT "AT THE BOTTOM ∧";
440 IF A (Y THEN GOTO 300
450 PRINT "ARE ∧";A; "∧SPIKES"
460 LETT=T-A
470 GOTO W * W
500 PRINT "FIGHT OR FLEE?"
510 INPUT A
520 CLS
530 IF A () X THEN GOTO W * W
540 LET A = W * RND
550 IF A >= Y THEN GOTO 600
560 PRINT "RIP"
570 GOTO 800
600 IF A > Z THEN GO TO 700
610 PRINT "LOST"
620 LET T = INT(T/R)
630 GOTO W * W
700 PRINT "MONSTER IS DEAD"
710 LET K = K + X
720 LET A = R * RND + X
730 PRINT "FOUND ∧"; B$(INT A)
740 LET T = T + INT (A * W * RND + X)
750 GOTO W * W
800 PRINT "SCORE ∧";T * K
810
    RETURN
```

Note: You may have noticed that the line numbers do not follow an orderly sequence. This is deliberate, so that the GOTO statement in line 140 can be used.

Running the Program

As mentioned above, we cannot use (RUN) with this program; doing so will destroy all the variables that were so carefully defined.

We must therefore use (GOTO 1) instead.

At each step of the mini-adventure, you will be given a choice of two:

TURN LEFT OR TURN RIGHT?
GO THROUGH THE DOOR OR NOT?
FIGHT THE MONSTER OR FLEE?

The program is looking for an input of "1" or "2," signifying that you have picked choice 1 or 2.

The game terminates when you have been killed by one of the monsters. Should you wish to fight another round of "Caves and Pitfalls," you will need to reinitialize the treasure and kill count.

Enter the following lines (without line numbers) to start again:

LET T = 0 (NEW LINE) LET K = 0 (NEW LINE) GOTO 1 (NEW LINE)

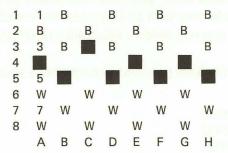
Best of luck against the demons of the caverns!

CHECKERS

It is possible for the standard Sinclair ZX81:1K to play checkers.

Of course, this is possible only by using every trick in the book, including resorting to machine language programming for the part of the program that plays against the human player.

The board is shown on the screen as follows:



(The outer numbers 1—8 and the designation of columns A— H are not shown on the screen—the only numbering included are the numbers 1,3,5 and 7 as shown within the board.)

The game the ZX81 plays follows the standard rules, except that multiple jumps are not allowed and capture is not compulsory.

Reaching the end line results in the creation of a king (shown on the screen as an inverse letter), which can move only one square at a time but is allowed to jump backwards.

Structure of the Program

As mentioned above, the board is displayed on the screen—this is the only record the ZX81 has of the state of play! No other array is required to keep track of the game.

This therefore requires the use of PEEKs to find out where the pieces are and POKEs to move them.

In the standard 1K version there is also insufficient room to retain the string variable that initially sets up the board in the program listing. We must therefore resort to putting that string variable in memory and using (GOTO 1) to start the program.

The last space saving "trick" involves replacing all 1- and 2-digit numbers in the listing; each number in a ZX81 listing takes up 6 bytes! This is true even if your number is only a single digit. We therefore make liberal use of constructs such as VAL"2" or CODE"W" which require only 4 bytes.

The program is broken down into three different programs, the last two of which overlay the previous ones. This is the only way to enter so much information into the Sinclair ZX81:1K.

The structure is as follows:

Program 1 PUT MACHINE CODE ROUTINE INTO REM
STATEMENT

Program 2 DEFINE THE BOARD FOR PLAY

Program 3 DRAW THE BOARD INPUT PLAYER'S MOVE

CHECK PLAYER MOVE VALIDITY

MAKE COMPUTER'S MOVE (CALL TO USR

ROUTINE)

GO TO NEXT PLAYER INPUT

Checkers Program 1

```
160 FOR I = 0 TO 174

170 SCROLL

180 PRINT I;

190 INPUT A$

200 IF A$ = "" THEN STOP

210 LET V = 16 * CODE A$ + CODE A$(2) - 476

220 POKE S + I, V

230 PRINT TAB 5; A$

240 NEXT I
```

This program will input the machine language code to the REM statement. When you (RUN) this program, the screen will show the number and wait for you to input the code. If you make an error, just enter (NEW LINE) to stop the program, and start again.

The code is on one page at the end of this program. Note that the code to be entered can contain only the letters A-F and the numbers 0-9. (It should take you less than 15 minutes to enter this code into the array.)

Once you have (RUN) Program 1, the machine language code will be stored in the REM statement in line 100. The listing of Program 1 is no longer required. Save the program you have made so far on to tape and delete lines 150—240.

Checkers Program 2

At this stage you should have only line 100 from the program above containing the machine code. Add the following lines:

```
120 LET A$ = "1B \( \) B \( \)
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170 LET A\$ = A\$ (VAL "9" TO) 180 NEXT L 200 INPUT A\$ 310 IF USR 16514 \(\) VAL "0" THEN GOTO 200

This program will display the board on the screen and test the machine language routine entered in Program 1.

The screen is saved in the string variable A\$, and is printed in 8 lines. It is essential that a minimum configuration screen be set up, so that the structure in memory of the board is as follows:

 $1 \; \mathsf{B} \mathrel{\triangle} \; \mathsf{A} \; \ldots$

(where the symbol & is used to represent end-of-line). If you check this out this means that all legal moves are limited to increases and decreases of 8 or 10 bytes in memory.

Users with additional memory connected to the ZX81 should add the following lines:

130 POKE 16389, 76 140 CLS

This will ensure that a minimum configuration screen is set up.

Running Program 2

After SAVEing the program, press (RUN). You can choose to be in either SLOW or FAST mode. The screen will be displayed as shown at the beginning, and the ZX81 will be waiting for a string input. Press (NEW LINE) to see the computer's first move. You should see the computer move its first piece from G3 to H4.

You can continue to press (NEW LINE) to see what the computer would do next if that was its position. If you so

desire you can change the string variable in 120 to set up any starting position.

Preparing for Program 3

Enter the following line into your listing:

130 STOP

and then press (RUN). Delete lines 120 and 130 and SAVE your program so far.

This has the effect of storing the string variable in memory without the need to keep it in the program listing. (Users with more than 1K memory do not need to do this—retain your original lines 120—140.)

Checkers: Program 3

At this stage you should have lines 100, lines 150—180 and lines 200 and 310. The string variable A\$ is stored in memory, so do not press (RUN) or (CLEAR) because it will destroy the contents of A\$.

Add the following lines to your program:

- 210 LET S = PEEK 16396 + VAL "256" * PEEK 16397
- 220 LET F = S + CODE A\$ + VAL "9" * CODE A\$ (VAL "2") VAL "298"
- 230 LET T = S + CODE A\$ (VAL "3") + VAL "9" * CODE A\$ (VAL "4") - VAL "298"
- 240 LET M = (T + F)/VAL "2"
- 250 IF (PEEK F⟨⟩CODE "W" AND PEEK F⟨⟩CODE
 " W ") OR (ABS (F-T) ⟩ VAL "10" AND PEEK M⟨⟩
 CODE "B" AND PEEK M⟨⟩ CODE " B ") OR (PEEK F
 ⟨CODE "X" AND F⟨T) OR PEEK T⟨⟩CODE" THEN
 GOTO 200

(Letters in squares are inverse characters obtained using Graphics mode.)

- 270 POKE T, CODE "W" + CODE " * [PEEK F) CODE
 "W" OR (T S) \(VAL "9" \]
 The graphic character in this line is obtained in Graphics
 mode by pressing (Space)
- 280 POKE F, CODE " ... This is Graphics A.
- 290 IF ABS (F − T) > VAL "10" THEN POKE M, CODE "\""
- 300 PAUSE CODE "W"

You may find some difficulty in entering the long lines, such as line 250, if you have only 1K of memory. A good hint is to enter (CLS) and (NEW LINE). This does not affect the variables but gives you more room on the screen to enter your line.

SAVE this program before trying to play checkers.

Playing Checkers

As we mentioned at the beginning, if you have only 1K you cannot use (RUN) because this will clear the variable so carefully saved. Use (GOTO 1) instead. [Users with additional memory have the string variable in the listing, so can use (RUN).]

You should already have tested Program 2 by the time you come to this point, so you already know that the display routine and the computer playing routine work.

The additions in Program 3 are the player's moves and checking whether these moves are allowed. (This is all in line 250: "F" is "from" and "T" is "to". We check to see whether the move "from" contains a White piece, the move "to" is empty, any captured squares do in fact contain a Black piece, and so on.)

The input the computer is waiting for is a 4-character string, such as "A6B5." This means that you mean to move from square A6 to square B5.

Only the most rudimentary numbering has been included in the screen, so you may find it useful to keep a properly numbered board beside the computer when playing.

The ZX81's response is extremely fast—almost instantaneous, for it is written in machine language—sc a short delay (line 300) has been introduced to allow you to see the computer's move being made. You can choose to play in either FAST or SLOW mode.

If you should wish to play a second game, you cannot simply use (GOTO 1) again, because the string variable A\$ has been deleted from memory. You will need either to reload the program from cassette or re-enter on the edit line the string variable A\$ as in line 120 (but without the line number). You can use this also to enter different set positions you wish to examine, e.g., giving the computer a head start, etc.

Machine Language

The part of the program that determines the computer's next move is written in machine language.

We have already seen in the Line Renumbering in the Machine Code editor programs that using machine language can result in an enormous saving in memory.

This is the reason this part of the program was written in machine language—the validation of the player's move in the preceding program takes as much room as the entire section dealing with the computer's move: searching for best moves, watching out for traps, making the moves, converting to Kings if required, and so on.

Unfortunately it is beyond the scope of this text to give an explanation of how this particular machine language program works, or how to write improvements for it.

0 = AF	50 = 40	100 = EB	150 = 42
21	23	E5	40
3C	10	ED	E1
40	DA	52	22
06	11	E1	44
0A	3C	38	40
77	40	02	E1
23	21	F6	22
10	43	80	40
FC	40	77	40
10 = 06	60 = 34	110 = C9	160 = C9
48	35	E5	3A
2A	01	19	3F
OC.	04	7E	40
40	00	FE	A7
E5	20	08	28
7E	02	20	D8
FE	0E	12	E1
A7	00	E5	E1
28	D5	19	C9
20 = 12	70 = D5	120 = 7E	170 = 5E
FE	E1	E6	23
27	09	7F	56
20	0E	FE	EB
1A	04	3C	174 = C9
11	ED	28	
80	В0	22	
00	CD	E1	
CD	2C	22	
F1	41	3E	

30 = 40	80 = 36	130 = 40
11	08	E1
0A	E1	22
00	CD	3C
CD	2C	40
F1	41	C9
40	7E	E6
18	36	7F
OC	80	FE
11	13	3C
40 = F6	90 = EB	140 = 20
FF	CD	1A
CD	2C	E5
F1	41	19
40	D1	7E
11	01	FE
F8	3F	80
FF	00	20
CD	EB	12
F1	09	22

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